

HOUSE RESOLUTION 143
By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cindy Graves of Lewis County Intermediate School on her selection as Building, System and Regional Level Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Graves is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graves, a teacher at Lewis County Intermediate School, has recently been selected as Building, System and Regional Level Teacher of the Year and is now a nominee to compete at the Grand Division Level, an honor most befitting her outstanding twenty-two year tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graves has served with acumen and alacrity as a fourth-grade teacher for thirteen exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, her exceptional teaching career was interrupted by two years of superb service as the first Coordinator of Invitational Education and Parent/Community Involvement programs in the Lewis County School System. While in this position, Mrs. Graves commendably initiated the Parents are Teachers Program for parents of preschool children, the Family Math

Program for parents of middle school students, and a system-wide School Volunteer Program; and

WHEREAS, during the second year of these newly developed programs, Mrs. Graves represented the Lewis County School System in accepting the National Rural and Small Schools Consortium Award for National Exemplary Program Winner in the Family/School/Community Partnerships Category in Arlington, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, not content to leave her most important work in the classroom, Mrs. Graves is active in a number of professional associations, including the Lewis County Education Association, National Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, Natchez Trace Chapter of the International Reading Association, Power of Positive Students International, International Alliance for Invitational Education, Tennessee Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National School Volunteer Program, the Lewis County Parent-Teacher Organization, and the Alpha Rho Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mrs. Graves was named Building Level Teacher of the Year in 1993 while teaching first grade at Lewis County Elementary School, and she earned the prestigious title of South District Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graves truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Graves truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Cindy Graves on being chosen as Building, System and Regional Level Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her the best of luck in the Grand Division Level competition and in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.